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Russia Has Bluff, No Offer

Our feeling that if the United States has [redacted] or rollback suggestion from British Prime Minister Macmillan.
the fortitude to stick by its guns in West Berlin that Russia will backtrack gained substance from a statement recently by the deputy director of intelligence for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Robert [redacted] Jr., CIA assistant to Allen Dulles, said in a speech at the University of South Carolina that "If the West is resolute, then I believe that the Soviet Union—by hook or crook—will be the one to back down."

With such statements from a CIA official, President Eisenhower's March 11 statement that "We are certainly not going to fight a ground war in Europe," and the sabre rattling of Secretary of Defense McElroy the other day when he said we could level Russia with nuclear arms indicate that the U. S. is going to stand fast in West Berlin—despite the pullback

outlook for the long-range future is challenge. Russia has its aims geared over a 30-year period between 1945 and 1975. It views its goals with confidence. By the same token the U. S. must view its goals with confidence.

Russia realizes that it hasn't got what it takes rationally to challenge us this spring. As long as we can count on Mr. K acting rationally there is no reason for us to back down in Berlin. But, we mustn't take a success there as a signal of victory. It is just a phase in a long struggle between East and West.

At present, the West's only-choice is a firm stand. Later there may come opportunities for negotiations and concessions, but at this time Russia has nothing to offer in return for concessions from the West. The offer of Russia not to go to war is bluff, no offer.